

TABLE II-2: Visitor Experience/Resource Protection Typical for Each Management Zone (1)

Description	1. Wilderness Zones				2. Diverse Visitor Experiences Zones				3. Developed Zones		
	1A Untrailed	1B Trailed Travel	1C Heavy Use Trail	1D Designated Overnight	2A (2) Open Space	2B Discovery	2C Day Use	2D Attraction	3A Camping	3B Visitor Base/ Lodging	3C Park Operations/ Administration
Tolerance for resource degradation	very low	very low	low	low	very low	low	moderate	moderate	moderate	high	high
Challenge and adventure of experience	high	high	moderate	moderate	moderate	moderate	low	low	low	very low	very low
Encounter expectations	very low	low	moderate	moderate	low	moderate	high	very high	high	high	high
Opportunity for solitude	very high	high	moderate	moderate	high	moderate	low	very low	low	low	low
Opportunity to experience pristine nature	very high	very high	moderate	moderate	high	moderate	low	low	low	low	low
Opportunity for group activity	low	low	low	moderate	low	low	high	high	high	high	high
Ease of access	very low	low	moderate	moderate	low	moderate	high	high	moderate	high	high
Acceptability of motorized travel	none	none	none	none	low	moderate	high	high	moderate	high	high
Level of on-site interpretation	individ./ self-guided	individ./ self-guided	individ./ self-guided	individ./ self-guided; guided/ program	individ./ self-guided	individ./ self-guided	individ./ self-guided	individ./ self-guided; guided/ program	individ./ self-guided; guided/ program	individ./ self-guided; guided/ program	individ./ self-guided

Notes:

(1) This table summarizes the typical visitor experiences and resource protection characteristics of each management zone. It is intended to highlight the distinctions between the zones.

(2) Several non-wilderness areas in the Merced River corridor (on the south side of the river in the Merced River gorge on the main stem and below Wawona on the South Fork) share the characteristics of the 1A: Untrailed wilderness zones (free of trails, roads or other facilities). They are zoned as Undeveloped Open Space (2A+) to indicate that they should be managed as defacto wilderness with similar prescriptions as 1A: Untrailed (no roads, trails, or other facilities would be developed).